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SUBJ: SIX TERRORISTS ESCAPE FROM GUADALAJARA PENITENTIARY

SUMMARY: SIX MEMBERS OF THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE ESCAPED FROM JALISCO STATE PENITENTIARY ON EVENING OF JANUARY 22. ESCAPEES ARE TERRORISTS CONVICTED OF KIDNAPPING, MURDER, AND OTHER CRIMES. INVOLVED IN DUNCAN WILLIAMS AND ARANGUREN KIDNAPPINGS IN 1973. ESCAPE ASSISTED BY TEN ACCOMPLICES OUTSIDE JAIL AND FOUR OTHERS WHO SHUT DOWN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION. THREE POLICE KILLED AND TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SEVEN FORTY FIVE ON EVENING OF JANUARY 22 SIX CONVICTED TERRORISTS, ALL MEMBERS OF TWENTY-THIRD OF SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE, ESCAPED FROM JALISCO STATE PENITENTIARY IN GUADALAJARA KILLING THREE POLICEMEN AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDING TWO OTHERS. ESCAPE FACILITATED BY TOOLS MADE FROM MATERIALS STOLEN FROM PRISON WORKSHOPS, A .38 CALIBER PISTOL IN THE POSSESSION OF ONE OF THE PRISONERS, THE ASSISTANCE OF TEN ACCOMPLICES WHO MAINTAINED COVERING FIRE OUTSIDE THE PRISON, AND FOUR ACCOMPLICES WHO UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO PUT OUT OF ORDER THE ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION SERVING THE PRISON. ALL SIX PRISONERS AND TEN ACCOMPLICES ESCAPED WITHOUT A TRACE FROM PRISON AREA ALTHOUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVERAL PERSONS ARE BEING HELD BY POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH

SUBSTATION ATTACK.

2. SEVERAL OF THE ESCAPEES TOOK PART IN THE 1973 KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF INDUSTRIALIST LUIS FERNANDO ARANGUREN CASTIELLO AND THE KIDNAPPING OF DR. ANTHONY DUNCAN WILLIAMS. ALL ARE CONSIDERED EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. THE ESCAPES ARE: ENRIQUE GUILLERMO PEREZ MORA (AKA "EL TENEBRAS"); J. NATIVIDAD VILLELA VARGAS (AKA "EL BILLETES")& MARIO ALVARO CARTAGENA LOPEZ& ANTONIO OROZCO MICHEL& ARMANDO ESCALANTE MORALES& FRANCISCO MERCADO ESPINOZA.

COMMENT:

3. THE CONFIRMED EXISTENCE OF A TERRORIST GANG OF AT LEAST TWENTY MEMBERS WITH A HISTORY OF KIDNAPPING AND MURDER BEHIND THEM NOW AT LARGE AND OPERATING IN THE GUADALAJARA AREA MAKES US APPREHENSIVE THAT THERE WILL BE AN OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN THIS ELECTION YEAR.
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